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| In re Application of | : | |
| Rao et al. | : | |
| Application No. 10/780,399 | : | ON PETITION |
| Filed: February 17, 2004 | : | |
| Attorney Docket No. IMMC 308PCT/US | : | |

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 2, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, June 15, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 16, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 26, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment and a specification, (2) the petition fee of \$1,620, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$2,350 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on December 2, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059.

This application is being referred to Technology Center 1641 for further examination on the merits.

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